

USFS Sierra National Forest

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the applicant's application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities, Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3a & b – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must verify response.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #8b –Applicant must cite date of the reference document.
- #11a – It is unclear if free literature is provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV Recreational practices. Additionally, it is unclear if the bulletin boards provide information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation.
- #12a & b– Applicant must verify responses.

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| Ground Operations | G13-02-17-G01 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. | |

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| Project Cost Estimate |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff – HS GS-5 OHV/Rec Tech, HS GS-4 OHV/Rec Tech and HS GS-3 OHV/Rec Tech – Applicant must confirm if these positions are currently filled permanent positions. If the positions are not currently filled, applicant must adjust the cost estimate appropriately. Staff – HS OSV Heavy Equipment Operator – Activities identified for this staff line item are Restoration activities and are not eligible under a Ground Operations project. Applicant must delete this line item |
| Evaluation Criteria |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #4 – Applicant must provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date(s) of meeting(s) and indicate if stakeholder meeting(s) is different date than publicly noticed meeting(s) How the public/stakeholders meeting(s) were notified and where the meeting(s) were held Names of the stakeholders and how they are stakeholders |

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| Development – Auberry Storage Building | G13-02-17-D01 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project does not appear to be strictly specific to OHV LE use or an eligible project for "Construction of or improvements to facilities to sustain or enhance OHV recreational opportunity and experiences" per PRC 4970.10.2. The use for the building appears to be the vast majority for Law Enforcement use. Applicant must indicate what percentage of the building will be used for storage of non-OHV law enforcement equipment. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff – OHV/Rec Specialist, OHV/Rec Assistant Specialist, OHV Staff are not related to a Development project and are not eligible costs. Staff – Resources Staff line items do not appear related to this Development project. Applicant must provide additional information. Equipment Use Expense – Dozer and Backhoe work appear to be expenses that would be incurred by the Installation Contractor. Applicant must provide additional information. Equipment Purchase – All line items are not related to this Development project. Others – All line items with the exception of Lighting, Building Kit, and Concrete Slab do not appear to be directly related to this Development project. | |
| Evaluation Criteria | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #2b – Applicant must provide the name and date of the reference document. #2c – Applicant must provide the name and date of the reference document. | |

- #3 – Applicant must provide the name and date of the reference document.
- #5 – Applicant must provide the date of the identified plan.
- #10 – Applicant must provide the following information:
 - Date(s) of meeting(s) and indicate if stakeholder meeting(s) is different date than publicly noticed meeting(s).
 - How the public/stakeholders meeting(s) were notified and where the meeting(s) were held.
 - Names of the stakeholders and how they are stakeholders.
- #12 – Previous grant projects would suggest correct selection would be “Combination of OHV Trust Funds”.
- #13 – Narrative does not support the selection. EA document clarifying the selection does not yet exist.

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| Restoration - Bald | G13-02-17-R01 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part C – The project size is not clearly identified. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – OHV/Rec Specialist and OHV/Rec Assistant Specialist appear to be duplicative. Applicant must provide detailed information substantiating two similar line items and how costs were determined. • Staff – OHV Coordinators (GS5 and GS4) – These two line items appear to be duplicative. Applicant must provide detailed information substantiating two OHV Coordinators. • Equipment Use Expenses – 4x4 Vehicle - Applicant must identify make of vehicle being used and clarify what equipment has been purchased. | |
| Evaluation Criteria | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Narrative does not support stream or other watercourse selection. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation regarding the type and severity of impacts that will occur relative to the selection that was checked. • #7 – Applicant must provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s) of meeting(s) and indicate if stakeholder meeting(s) is different date than publicly noticed meeting(s) • How the public/stakeholders meeting(s) were notified and where the meeting(s) were held. • Names of the stakeholders and how they are stakeholders. • #8 – Narrative does not support the response. Applicant must list each partner organization separately and provide a detailed explanation for how each partner will participate in the project. | |

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| Restoration - Brewer | G13-02-17-R02 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part A – Applicant does not clearly identify the location of the proposed project. • Part B – Applicant does not clearly identify how OHV recreation caused the damage. • Part C – Applicant does not clearly identify the size of the project. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
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| Evaluation Criteria | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Narrative does not support stream or other watercourse selection. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation regarding the type and severity of impacts that will occur relative to the selection that was checked. • #5 - Applicant must provide a reference document date. • #7 – Applicant must provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s) of meeting(s) and indicate if stakeholder meeting(s) is different date than publicly noticed meeting(s) • How the public/stakeholders meeting(s) were notified and where the meeting(s) were held. • Names of the stakeholders and how they are stakeholders • #8 – Narrative does not support the selection; applicant must list each partner organization separately and provide a detailed explanation for how each partner will participate in the project. | |

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| Restoration – Red Mountain | G13-02-17-R03 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part A – Applicant does not clearly identify the location of the proposed project. • Part B – Applicant does not clearly identify how OHV recreation caused the damage. • Part C – Applicant does not clearly identify the size of the project. | |

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| Restoration – Chiquito Watershed | G13-02-17-R04 |
| Needs Assessment | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment | |
| Law Enforcement Certification | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – Applicant must provide detailed information of duties being performed for each separate line item in this category. • Contracts – Environmental Analysis - Applicant must provide detailed information regarding how costs were determined for this line item. • Contracts – Restoration Crew - Applicant must provide detailed information regarding duties being performed and how costs for the line item were determined. • Equipment Use Expenses – Vehicle Use - Applicant must identify the vehicle(s) being used. | |

Project Cost Estimate

- #2 – Narrative does not support the selection, “Other special-status species”. Applicant must list the impacted species.
- #3 - Narrative does not support the selection. Additionally, Applicant must provide a reference document and date.
- #5 – Applicant must provide a reference document and date.
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 - Names of the stakeholders and how they are stakeholders